



## YOUNG SPECIAL DELIVERY MESSENDER TURNS DETECTIVE BETWEEN MESSAGES

**Paul Knight, 14 Years Old, Chases and Causes Arrest of Negroes Accused of Stealing Stranger's Watch—Once Followed Man With a Gun Who Had Stabbed Another—Bright Youngster, Full of Snap, Favorite Among Postal Employees and His Associates.**

In Paul Knight, a 14-year-old Post Office messenger, the Special Delivery Department in the Federal building has probably the smallest detective in the service of the United States Government.

Paul has no commission and draws the modest salary that boys of his position usually receive, but he "delivers the goods," which is more than many of the regularly enrolled devotees of Sherlock Holmes can do.

Tuesday night he chased two negroes, who had stolen a watch belonging to a stranger in the city, on his wheel. The man told the youthful detective about his misfortune. Although Paul was on his way to deliver a message for the United States Government, the mails had to wait for a few exciting minutes while he followed the thieves.

This was the fourth time since young Knight became connected with the Postal Department a year and a half ago that he has tracked persons guilty of breaking the laws, and his complete success each time has led him to be called "The Detective" by his comrades. On one occasion he followed a man with a gun who had just stabbed another man.

Paul was riding along Locust street, near Seventeenth street, about 10 o'clock Tuesday night when he was accosted by a man who pointed out two negroes running away. He said they stole his watch. Paul followed them and followed them to No. 606 North Twenty-third street, where they were arrested by Policemen Cohen and Knecht.

The two taken to the Second District Court were released because they could not be found on either one, and the negroes had left; they were released. Paul was given a certificate to Postmaster Wyman and the youth, returning home, was admitted in the Juvenile Court, which was suspended upon payment for the damage.

Two months ago, Willie Brune, another negro messenger, lost his wheel, maybe because he was riding on his wheel and the two boys made a round of them. They found the boy at No. 120 Franklin avenue where he had lost it.

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**PAUL KNIGHT.**  
Special delivery messenger who has gone some detective work between trips.  
He once met the other with a knife, and the two boys chased him for several blocks, raising such a hue and cry that he was arrested by a policeman. The man, once a mail carrier, was so afraid of his fellow citizens that he fled to think of danger.

On another occasion he followed a crew when a boy cut off the man's wheel. It turned out to be the subject receiving a certificate in the Juvenile Court, which was suspended upon payment for the damage.

Paul is known as one of the brightest boys in the city, being tall, thin, and small for his age and modest. His eyes and manner are full of snap and his employers and Postmaster Wyman think highly of him.

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Streets to protest against the Sunday closing of the barber shops. It is intended to have a meeting of the trade to discuss a test case. The barbers claim that the barbers do not want the shops kept open Sundays.

**BIRTHDAY Rings for June.**

The pearl is the June birthstone, we send gold and pearl set with pearls at \$20, others in \$10.00.

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### IMPORTANT RULING.

**Right to Replevin Goods From a Dealer Setting at Cut Rates.**

A case of much interest to retail merchants, and particularly so to druggists, was decided on in the United States Circuit Court, Western District of New York, recently by Judge A. C. Thompson. Samuel B. Hamilton, manufacturer of Perma, brought an action in replevin against several different parties, and his attorney presented an application to the court to require Andrew R. Park, a witness, to answer certain questions concerning the documents. The witness declined to answer the questions and produce the documents on the ground that they were not his property or that he had nothing to say to them, and that further inquiry would not give the answer to the questions would disclose trade secrets.

Upon filing the application to compel the witness to answer Judge Thompson said:

I have read the testimony, as far as I can see, in this case, and have to mind the questions that were asked, which the witness could not answer.

The judge, however, in his opinion, held that the proposition, which was a virtual demand that the boycotted business houses assist the teamsters in boycotting the express companies, was also promptly denied by the employer.

Another demand by the teamsters was that all strikers receive positions before any new nonunion men should be admitted.

C. J. Hall is said to be the owner of the

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**FARDWELL ASSUMES DUTIES AS SEWER COMMISSIONER.**

**WILL MAKE NO APPOINTMENTS FOR SEVERAL DAYS—OFFICIALLY NAMES HIS ASSISTANT.**

Sewer Commissioner H. R. Fardwell took up the duties of his office yesterday, but announced that he had made no appointments. Among the positions which will be recommended by him is that of Assistant Sewer commissioner. Commissioner Fardwell stated that he probably would make no appointments for a few days.

Several appointments were approved by the Mayor yesterday from other offices.

The first appointment sent to him was that of John Dalton to succeed Felix McAdams Deputy postmaster in the Sixth District.

Edward Bentz, Deputy Marshal Emmett Hennesssey, clerk in the Auditor's office, N. O. Nelson Manufacturing Company, and the others named by the Mayor were appointed by him.

President Clegg sent the following appointments for the Board of Public Improvement, which were approved by him:

H. N. McNamee, architect, and the others named by the Mayor.

Robert Weller, Thomas M. North, Charles Devereux, Bertram James E. Jones, who was laboring under severe financial difficulties, and the others named by him.

It was agreed that the carried from Washington D. C. It was necessary to board Jones on the trip for safety.

John D. Clegg, engineer in charge of the public works department, and the others named by him.

Alfred M. Lane, draftsman, and the others named by him.

Charles J. Becker, draftsman, and the others named by him.

Frank A. Huer, draftsman, and Miss Margarette Decker, assistant to Secretary Walter Dryden.

**JEFFERSON BARRACKS NOTES.**

The day for today is Lieutenant William L. Johnson, Eleventh Cavalry, officer of the day, and Captain Wm. K. Smith, aide-de-camp to the general.

With special permission, the service of a cook-chef was allowed the general.

Major Edward F. Troop, commanding the barracks, in the opinion of the general, has done a great deal to improve the condition of the barracks.

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